recent past regarding export of sub-standard tea from any country. However, some complaints were received by Tea Board in 1993 against a few exporters regarding export of sub-standard and inferior quality of tea to Russia and other CIS countries. Action was taken by the Tea Board against such exporters under the provisions of the Tea (Distribution & Export) Control Order, 1957.

(c) Steps taken to boost exports of tea include promotional campaigns through Tea Board's offices abroad. These consist of (i) participation in trade fairs/exhibitions; (ii) media campaign to increase consumer awareness towards various unique characteristics of Indians teas; (iii) media campaign to popularise Indian tea through the Tea Board marketing symbol; and (iv) support to various foreign brands containing Indian tea. A part of the expenditure incurred by importers for promotional campaigns is met from the Tea Board's budget. Tea Board has also undertaken Darjeeling and Assam Logo campaign in U.K. alongwith brand promotion schemes abroad to popularise classic Indian teas.

Representation by Beedi Workers

62. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from beedi workers against false propaganda being done by cigarette companies;

(b) if so, whether this misleading report on comparitive demerits of beedis have been planted in the newspapers;

(c) whether Government have undertaken any enquiry into the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No such representation has been received.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Mishra Committee on coal shortage

63. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the R.N. Mishra Committee set up by Government to probe into the coal stock shortage during the period 1983—92 has submitted its report;

(b) if so, when the Committee was set up and when did it submit its report;

(c) what are the main recommendations made by the Committee in its report; and

(d) what action Government have so far taken on each of the recommendations made by the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Government set up a Committee on 27.7.92 under the Chairmanship of Shri R.N. Mishra, the then Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Northern Coalfields Limited to carry out an indepth study into the shortages of coal stock in Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL). The Committee submitted its report to the Government on 24.12.1993.

(c) The Committee recommended action against the officers found responsible for stock shortages in BCCL. The Committee also recommended investigation into over-reporting of overburden removal, special stock verification in certain collieries, investigation into possibilities of pilferage of diesel and explosives, reivew of incentive awards and introduction of measures for systems improvement.

(d) As per the latest information received from the Coal India Limited (CIL), action has been completed against 74 out of 158 officers against whom action was to be initiated by CIL and BCCL. Most of the systems improvement measures recommended by the Committee have been implemented by CIL.